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Applicant

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☒ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. **FURTHER ACTION**

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Box No. I

Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language
_____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - a. type of material
☐ a sequence listing
☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing
 - b. format of material
☐ in written format
☐ in computer readable form
 - c. time of filing/furnishing
☐ contained in the international application as filed.
☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.
3. ☐ In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table(s) relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement		
1. Statement			
Novelty (N)		Claims <u>4, 7</u> YES Claims <u>1-3, 5, 6</u> NO	
Inventive step (IS)		Claims <u>4, 7</u> YES Claims <u>1-3, 5, 6</u> NO	
Industrial applicability (IA)		Claims <u>1-7</u> YES Claims _____ NO	
2. Citations and explanations:			
<p>The following document is cited in the ISR.</p> <p>Document 1: JP 2002-76427 A (Citizen Watch Co., Ltd.), 15 March 2002</p> <p>- Regarding claims 1-3 and 6</p> <p>Document 1 (particularly paragraphs 0019-0020) describes an infrared communication module comprising an infrared light-emitting device, infrared light-receiving device, and IC chip, wherein there is an electromagnetic shielding member having a protrusion protruding toward an adhesive layer side. Based on the description in document 1, it is clear that there is a space around the protrusion to have an adhesion to be accumulated.</p> <p>Also, providing at least three protrusions, or configuring the protrusion so as to have a long thin shape and to have none of the central axes thereof overlap one another is found to be a mere matter of design variation that could be respectively set as appropriate by a party skilled in the art.</p> <p>- Regarding claim 5</p> <p>Forming the electromagnetic shielding member with metal is commonly carried out as described in, for example, document 1 (paragraph 0008). Also, embossing is commonly used for providing a protrusion in a metal member; therefore, it is found to be naturally carried out also for creating a protrusion in the member described in document 1.</p>			

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Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

- The non-linear arrangement described in claim 2 is unclear in what type of arrangement it means.